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Via email only:

RE: Notification of Slocum Lake Drainage District Resolution to Support County Ordinance to Dissolve Drainage District

Dear County, SMC Chairpersons, and Village Mayors,

Our firm represents the Slocum Lake Drainage District and has been directed to provide a copy of the attached resolution, which was recently passed by the District to support the County's efforts to dissolve the District.

As recited in the Resolution, since the creation of the District in 1915, the character and use of property located within the District has changed from rural uses to more urbanized residential uses. Also, due to increased administrative costs related to different governmental reporting requirements which have been adopted over the years, it is no longer efficient to operate the District as a separate stand-alone entity.

The Resolution also states as follows:

***WHEREAS**, the District encourages and recommends that the County work with the Lake County Stormwater Commission (SMC) to utilize Slocum Lake Drainage District funds towards maintenance endeavors within the Slocum Lake Drainage District boundaries.*

Further, it is the District's understanding that the County procedures to dissolve the District will provide the Villages of Lake Barrington, Port Barrington and Wauconda, an opportunity to designate where existing funds of the District shall be transferred upon dissolution. As set forth above, the District encourages each Village to direct all remaining funds be transferred to the Lake County Stormwater Commission to utilize those funds towards maintenance endeavors within the boundaries of the District.

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Should you have any questions regarding the attached District Resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Enclosures

**SLOCUM LAKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE SLOCUM LAKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS TO SUPPORT THE DISSOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT AS PROPOSED BY LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ORDINANCE NO. 24-1012**

**WHEREAS**, the Slocum Lake Drainage District (the "District") is an Illinois Drainage District under the laws of the State of Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District was created in or about the year 1915, with boundaries that currently include portions of the Villages of Wauconda, Lake Barrington and Port Barrington, as well as portions of unincorporated Lake County, Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, over time the character and use of properties located within the boundaries of the District have transitioned from rural uses to residential uses; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District currently levies a maintenance assessment of approximately \$10,500 per year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current assessment amount levied by the District is insufficient to cover administrative expenses and to pay for maintenance necessary to maintain the District's drainage system; and,

**WHEREAS**, on August 13, 2024, the County of Lake, Illinois passed Ordinance No. 24-1012, which proposes the dissolution of the Slocum Lake Drainage District; and,

**WHEREAS**, under Ordinance 24-1012, it is proposed that the right-of-ways and improvements previously constructed by the District would be conveyed to the County of Lake; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District encourages and recommends that the County work with the Lake County Stormwater Commission (SMC) to utilize Slocum Lake Drainage District funds towards maintenance endeavors within the Slocum Lake Drainage District boundaries; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lake has the ability to own and maintain the existing drainage system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Commissioners of the Slocum Lake Drainage District, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The above recitals are incorporated into this Resolution and shall have the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.



**SECTION 2:** That the Board of Commissioners declare and establish their intent to support and cooperate with the efforts of the County of Lake, Illinois to dissolve the Slocum Lake Drainage District.

**SECTION 3:** That the officials and agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions which may be required to cooperate with the County of Lake, Illinois to dissolve the District.

**SECTION 4: Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and approval.

Passed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2024 by roll call vote as follows:

<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Michael Warner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Len Dufkis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dimos Zaharopoulos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.



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Slocum Lake Drainage District Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Attorney for District